

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**
Budget and Finance Committee
MINUTES
January 8, 2026

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority's Budget and Finance Committee met on January 8, 2026, via Zoom. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Sneden, Chair
David Reist, Vice Chair
Keith Humphrey
Ray Frederick
Amber Shultz
Todd Zimmer

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Reist at 8:32 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2025, meeting. Following a second by Member Zimmer, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Instructional Cost Model Review and Calculated State Share

Elaine Frisbie, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the instructional cost model for academic year 2025, explaining how state funding is calculated for resident students at technical and community colleges. She detailed the four elements of the cost model - instructor costs, instructional support costs, institutional support costs, and extraordinary costs for tiered courses - and showed how the model will result in an \$8.8 million increase in state aid for fiscal year 2027. President Frisbie will present the cost model and state aid calculations at the full TEA meeting on January 22, 2026.

Review and Discuss House Bill 2195

Vera Brown, Director for Career Technical Education, reviewed House Bill 2195. She explained that the bill requires technical colleges to develop and implement objectives for their operating grant funds. Director Brown reviewed the updated definition of "instruction and operations" that was developed with technical college leadership. Technical colleges will negotiate and propose their individual objectives for the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant to the Budget and Finance Committee and the full TEA, with four colleges presenting in March and three in April. Technical colleges will then submit reports on the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant funds to board staff in July, to be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee and full TEA in August. The committee discussed the definition of operational costs for technical colleges, which is not explicitly defined in the statute. The working definition was developed with input from technical college representatives, focusing on administrative and infrastructure expenses that are not directly tied to teaching. The committee agreed to pass this presentation to the full TEA meeting on January 22, 2026, without making any changes.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Sneden reminded the committee of their next meeting on February 6, 2026, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Frederick moved to adjourn the meeting and after a second from Vice Chair Reist, Chair Sneden adjourned the meeting at 9:05 A.M.